

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 8, 2015

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers in the RM Office in Inwood, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Jack Cruise
Councillor Allen Pfrimmer
Councillor Carol Lavallee
Councillor Ted Sumka
Councillor Adam Krochenski
Councillor Susan Smerchanski

Absent: none

Also Present: Corlie Larsen, Chief Administrative Officer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Reeve Cruise called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#1 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of December 8, 2015 be adopted as
Lavallee amended with the following additions.
Krochenski

General Business

- g) Office Closures for Christmas
- h) Facility Tours
- i) Work Place Safety & Health

Carried

READ AND CONFIRM MINUTES

#2 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2015 and the Minutes
Smerchanski of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2015 be adopted as circulated to council.
Sumka

Carried

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note: Councillor Allen Pfrimmer arrived at this time 10:15 A.M.

ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Approval of Cheques was put on hold till after lunch.

BY-LAWS

- Draft By-Law to regulate activities at the Inwood Waste Transfer Station, the Chatfield Waste Transfer Station and the Meleb Waste Disposal Ground was presented to Council for review.

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1

- Culvert has been installed on Pioneer Trail Rd 99.
- Looking at what needs to be done for Findlay Rd.
- Had beaver dams removed in various locations.
- Working on getting stone crossing removed on property SE21-18-1E to fix drainage issues in the area. Land Owner Consent Form needs to be signed.

Ward 2

- Reported on Waste Management during Committee Reports.
- Need to look into survey requirement for registering easements with Land Titles NE 27-21-1W.

Ward 3

- Hwy 7 culvert won't get done until next year.
- Leased John Deere tractor went back.
- Two rotten culverts need replacing on Rd 105 which were discovered damaged while unplugging the culverts.
- Had beaver dam removed and culvert damaged by brush mower fixed.

Ward 4

- Rotten culverts need replacing Rd 106 & 12E.

Ward 5

- Working on beaver issues and water issues.
- Gave update on AMM Convention and Sessions attended.

Reeve

- Sent Double N Transport to open up beaver dam in drain SE 27-18-1E.

#3
Pfrimmer
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT each Ward Councillor will be in charge of sending out beaver trappers in their Ward;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the beavers must be trapped from the area approved by the councillor in order to be paid the \$50.00 per beaver tail;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the amount of beaver to be trapped is left to the discretion of the Ward Councillor.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

none

DELEGATIONS

1:00 P.M. – Joanne Dupont and Denis Pelland approached council with their concerns with the explosives storage facility in Inwood and the recent discharging of explosives at the facility on Monday, November 23rd at approximately 11:30 A.M. Their concerns were that explosives were detonated at a storage facility and the safety of citizens. The shock was felt by those in the town of Inwood and close surrounding area. They also have environmental concerns of what is going into the ground and water contamination. They additionally want information regarding why there is 3 phase power at the property, how the wash bays operate and how often will they be blasting.

The RM made many calls regarding the incident and were informed by both the Federal and Provincial Government Departments that the company Consbec Inc. has the proper permits in place for both storage and blasting. The Quarry Inspector for the Interlake, Norman Barylski and Mines Inspector from Safe Work MB, Larry Polleschuk inspected the site on Friday, November 27th to review the incident. Nothing was found to be in violation and noise levels recorded were within the limits. The inspector stated that the reason for the large boom experienced that day could have been due to low cloud cover.

After all delegations Mark Mathewson, Manager from Consbec Inc. came by the office to drop off an emergency plan for the storage facility and spoke with council to answer any questions they may have about the company and storage facility. Since the blasting on November 23rd Consbec had many inspections done at the site as a result from the many phone calls made by the public and the municipality. He explained that they were getting rid of expired material and while having to blast the expired material used the explosives to also blast some rock to use for their roadway at the site. He explained how things were stored at the site and regulations that they have to follow. The wash bays all the residues goes into a holding tank which is hauled away to a special lagoon. The 3 phase power is for an electric blender for emulsions since gas is not allowed on the site. The company does not have any plans to do anymore blasting. Council asked if any test wells were on site, there is not but Consbec would not be opposed to having one. Marc apologised for not giving notice of the blast before hand and said that they would be replacing their faded signs.

1:15 P.M. – Jeff Yablonski of Armstrong Construction informed council that he would be starting the work on Dennis Lake as per the DFA Site #307 Damage Report in January 2016.

RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

none

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

#4 Pfrimmer Smerchanski RESOLVED THAT accounts payable cheque numbers 10429 to 10473 and cheque numbers 10475 to 10478 in the total amount of \$143,128.75 and payroll cheque numbers 7147 to 7195 in the total amount of \$41,573.56 be approved for payment.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT cheque number 10474 in the amount of \$25,824.75 be held for payment until job is complete to the satisfaction of council.

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) CAO Report – report on file

#5 Pfrimmer Smerchanski RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong receive the monthly activity report from the CAO.

Carried

b) Building Permit Report – report on file

#6 Lavallee Smerchanski RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality Armstrong receive the monthly building permit activity report.

Carried

c) Manitoba Planning Conference May 18-20, 2016 – Register Reeve & CAO

d) Green Team Applications for 2016

#7 Pfrimmer Sumka RESOVLED THAT the Rural Municipality of Armstrong apply for two positions under the Manitoba Urban/Hometown Green Team Grant 2016 for the period of 7 weeks July 4 to August 19, 2016.

Carried

- e) Council and Staff Christmas Party

#8
Lavallee
Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong approves of holding a Staff and Council Christmas Party at the Inwood Golf Course on December 21, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Carried

- f) Economic Development – each Ward Councillor is to identify RM land in their wards that may be considered for granting.

- g) Office Closures for Christmas

#9
Krochenski
Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong approve the following office closures over the holiday season:

Wednesday, December 23rd, 2015 – Closed All Day
Thursday, December 24th, 2015 – Closed All Day
Friday, December 25th, 2015 – Closed All Day
Wednesday, December 30th, 2015 – Closed All Day
Thursday, December 31st, 2015 – Closed All Day
Friday, January 1st, 2016 – Closed All Day

Carried

- h) Facility Tours – Jan. 4th date was set for Waste Management Committee to look at the Inwood and Chatfield WTS, the Meleb WDG and the Waste Facility in Stonewall.

- i) Workplace Safety and Health – need to work on

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Roads Committee

- Ward 3 supplied snow plow map of ward. The rest of council to have maps completed and hand in to the office.
- Need to check faded stop signs for date and warranty.

- b) Drainage Committee

- c) Waste Management Committee

-Capping of the garbage has been completed at the Meleb Waste Disposal Site.

- d) Protective Services Committee

- e) By-Law Committee

The Committee will tour the Inwood WTS, Chatfield WTS and Meleb WDG as well as tour the Waste facility in Stonewall before reviewing Armstrong's Waste By-Law on Jan. 4th.

The committee to meet to review the waste by-law, purchasing policy and long term forage lease allocation policy on Jan. 5th.

- f) External Committees/Organizations

- Minutes November 9th Interlake Immigrant Settlement Services Advisory Committee – received as info

- Minutes October 15th West Interlake Watershed Conservation District – received as info
- Minutes November 20th Fisher Armstrong Planning District Board

Both the RM of Fisher and Armstrong will need to renew contract with the Office Of The Fire Commissioner for building permits and inspections.

#10
Pfrimmer
Krochenski

WHEREAS the contract between the Office of the Fire Commissioner will expire December 31, 2015;

AND WHEREAS the RM of Armstrong still does not have a building inspector;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong request the contract with the OFC be extended for the 2016 year.

Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IN CAMERA

#11
Pfrimmer
Lavallee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong resolve into a Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, at 4:50 PM to discuss personnel issues and legal matters.

Carried

#12
Pfrimmer
Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole In-Camera revert back to the regular meeting of council in open session out of camera at 5:00 PM.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

#13
Sumka
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT the council meeting now be adjourned.

Carried

Jack Cruise, Reeve

Corlie Larsen, CAO